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# Canuck to help victims after friend’s close call in Colorado

**Mass shooting.** Goalie Cory Schneider backs Hope Rises Relief Fund after Aurora massacre

The mass shooting at an Aurora, Colo., movie theatre has hit home for one Vancouver Canucks star.

Goaltender Cory Schneider has lent his full support to the Hope Rises Relief Fund after learning that his very close friend — whom he considers a cousin — narrowly avoided becoming one of the victims of the tragic July 20 incident.

“I heard about the shooting like anyone in the U.S. and Canada. I didn’t know where Aurora was but have a cousin (Gianmarco Cacciamatta) who lives near Denver,” Schneider said. “I didn’t put two and two together until he called me.”

The two talked about their shock and horror over the shooting, but Schneider didn’t learn how close he came to possibly losing a family member until his mother told him the rest of the story.

Cacciamatta had a ticket for the ill-fated screening of The Dark Knight Rises but couldn’t go because of a work commitment the next morning.

Instead, he gave his ticket to co-worker Petra Anderson, 22.

Anderson was severely injured in the shooting. Shotgun pellets ripped through her arm, and part of the spray went through her nose and ended up in the back of her skull.

She had successful neurosurgery and is expected to recover.

Unfortunately, the six-year-old child next to her wasn’t so lucky, becoming one of 12 people killed in the shooting.

“It’s unspeakable,” said Schneider. “Fifty-eight people injured and 12 killed.... There’s no rhyme or reason for it. There was no reason for these people to be hurt. It’s hard to imagine, and when it hits home it’s even harder.”

Now the shot stopper is pledging support for the Hope Rises Relief Fund, set up to help pay for the victims’ medical costs and to support victims’ families.

He’s hoping Canucks fans, who step up time and again to lend support for numerous causes, join him.

“When something like this happens, you wonder what you can do. I’m going to donate some money myself. Hopefully we can get some support from Vancouver,” the 26-year-old from Marblehead, Mass., said. Canucks fans “are so passionate and supportive. We really do have the best fans.”

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Vancouver Canucks goalie Cory Schneider CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

## Nude photos of Jepsen?

Police say they’re investigating a cyber-crime case involving nude pics being stolen from the pop singer’s computer PAGE 3

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## Cruelty.
## Dog owner arrested

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The SPCA will finally get the chance to question the owner of a German shepherd that was left for dead in a city dumpster last week.

Marcie Moriarty, general manager of cruelty investigations at the SCPA, confirmed that the dog's owner was taken into Vancouver police custody Wednesday on unrelated charges.

"That will give our constables a chance to question the owner about his involvement, if any, in the incident," said Moriarty. "We were very much interested in speaking to the owner and have been working with Vancouver police (to determine) his whereabouts."

The two-year-old shepherd, named Captain, was rescued from a dumpster on July 18 in critical condition.

SPCA said Captain suffered substantial lacerations and bruising, and would likely have been rendered quadriplegic. Despite undergoing emergency surgery, Captain died of cardiac arrest the next evening.

Moriarty said investigators are still awaiting the results of a necropsy to determine the exact cause of the injuries. SPCA will launch a criminal investigation if it turns out the injuries were deliberately caused.

Captain the German shepherd
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# Hacker steals singer's nude pics

**Carly Rae Jepsen.**
So don't hack into my computer and take nude photos of me maybe

Singer Carly Rae Jepsen performs during the 2012 Teen Choice Awards at Gibson Amphitheatre on Monday in Universal City, Calif. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

After two fake nude scandals in one month, it appears Carly Rae Jepsen actually had some real naked pictures of her stolen from her computer in March, according to Vancouver police.

"The Vancouver police are investigating the unauthorized use of a computer, theft of telecommunications and criminal harassment related to Ms. Jepsen," said Vancouver Police Department spokesman Lindsey Houghton on Wednesday.

Police have a suspect, an adult man, but he has not yet been arrested or charged.

"The allegations are, in layman's terms, computer hacking and taking nude photos of her," Houghton said. "They hacked it remotely. This is all cybercrime stuff."

Earlier this week Jepsen was rumoured to have a sex tape circulating, but she vehemently denied it on Monday, tweeting "Crazy morning. Discovered that someone put up a sex tape claiming to be me. Ridiculous. Obviously not me."

Earlier this month there were other reports of nude pictures of her being online, but they turned out to be of a pierced-nippled model named Destiny Benedict, who often takes her clothes off and closely resembles the 26-year-old pop star.

Jepsen, who was raised in Mission, B.C., rose to fame on Canadian Idol in 2007, placing third. After releasing her smash hit Call Me Maybe on Vancouver's 604 Records last September, fellow Canadian Justin Bieber took notice and helped get her signed to his American label, Schoolboy Records.

She recently signed with Interscope. Her publicist at the label did not respond to a request for comment.

Jepsen is scheduled to open for Bieber at Rogers Arena Oct. 10.

The VPD investigation is ongoing. METRO

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A conceptual rendering of how the city's Chinatown laneways could look after restoration and revitalization. COURTESY OF AFH VANCOUVER

**Chinatown changes**

**Chinatown's newly funded improvement projects will make the area an even bigger draw for both tourists and Vancouver residents.**

- **Heritage building preservation.** Five $100,000 grants have been provided to different Chinatown societies to preserve the heritage buildings in which they are housed. Each society receiving a grant must contribute $20,000 towards restoration projects.
- **New residential buildings.** As of June 2012, two significant rezoning processes were in application, and two development applications under existing zoning had been approved. If these four projects proceed to development, Chinatown could see approximately 600 new residents in the next three to five years.
- **Laneway revitalization.** Temporary street events or installations will be rolled out with a view to facilitating retail and commercial uses on laneways. To be Implemented by spring-summer 2013.
- **Cleanup of public spaces.** Neighbourhood-cleanup events will continue. And new initiatives will see improvements to deteriorated building facades, tenanting of once-vacant storefronts with new, viable longer-term businesses. To be Implemented by spring-summer 2013.
- **New tenants.** An outreach strategy targeting realtors and investors will be developed by 2013-2015.

# Councillors OK Chinatown renewal strategy

**Approved.** Revitalization and restoration project praised by Mayor Robinson, but critics remain vocal over low-income risks

It took more than 10 years, but plans to revitalize Chinatown are finally getting underway.

City councillors unanimously approved a strategy Wednesday that hopes to bring life back to the century-old neighbourhood. Plans include decorating vacant storefronts, revitalizing laneways, restoring heritage buildings and deteriorating building facades, organizing regular cleanup events, and working to attract new tenants into the area.

Chinatown remains a popular tourist attraction today, but the area has been in decline as Chinese immigrants have moved to other parts of the city.

"We have one of the most globally significant Chinatowns," Mayor Gregor Robinson said. "I think we all yearn for yesteryear, when Chinatown was one of the most vibrant neighbourhoods in Canada and people came from all over to experience it."

Chinatown's revitalization has been a contentious issue, one that has dragged on for more than a decade as city planners conducted surveys, held meetings and met with neighbourhood residents, many of whom had different visions for the neighbourhood.

More than a dozen representatives from various associations and societies in Chinatown applauded the plan on Wednesday, but others said that they feared for the low-income residents of the Downtown Eastside.

"We need to stop gentrification," said Jean Swanson, co-ordinator for the Carnegie Community Action Project. This strategy should "protect the future for all residents, especially low-income and vulnerable residents."

Swanson took issue with grants given to five Chinatown heritage buildings and the city planners' enthusiasm for four new housing developments that could attract 600 new residents to the neighbourhood.

"You have to ask yourself, have you funded a 'reno-viction'?" Swanson said to city councillors.

Jordan Eng, vice-president of the Vancouver Chinatown Business Improvement Association, said the plan was critical for the survival of Chinatown, citing 12 vacant storefronts within a two-block stretch of Pender Street.

"I've worked as a real-estate agent in Chinatown for 23 years. The rents are rock-bottom right now. They're at the lowest they have ever been," said Eng. "We're at a crossroads. Let's start a path for the future."

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**Facts and figures**

- Vancouver's Chinatown today covers approximately 10 blocks, totalling 16.3 hectares.
- Many Chinatown residents continue to be of Chinese ethnicity (41%), but increasingly the neighbourhood is home to an culturally and ethnically diverse population.
- Chinatown is experiencing faster growth than any other region in the city. Between 2001-2006, the number of people living in Chinatown nearly doubled from 775 to 1,420 people.
- Average household income remains less than $18,000, compared to the city's average of $47,000.

# New Delhi go-getter persists to overcome newcomer hurdles

The path to success looked smooth to Avnish Soni and his wife Pinki when they attended a New Delhi seminar about immigrating to Canada. Unfortunately, no one could anticipate the global economic crisis that greeted them in British Columbia in early 2009. Today, through personal persistence – and support from Scotiabank – the couple is progressing toward their goals.

Still in India, at a seminar sponsored by Scotiabank, the Soni family was excited about moving to Canada. Bank representatives explained financial services to help them get established in their new country, and Avnish, an MBA-trained branch manager at one of India's largest banks, was excited by the prospect of seeking work at the Canadian bank.

"I'm a go-getter and I liked how Scotiabank was proactive in sharing settlement information and pre-arranging banking and credit services," recalls Avnish, referring to the ***Scotiabank StartRight***® Program[1] for Newcomers, which includes a free day-to-day bank account for one year[2], a wide range of credit card options[3] and a number of other customized services and benefits. "I decided to make Canada's most international bank the first target in my job search."

On arrival in Surrey, BC, the experienced banker was pleasantly surprised when the Scotiabank Branch Manager emerged from his office to welcome the couple and their two daughters. "I was astonished by the friendly service and how our account and debit cards were waiting for us, as promised in New Delhi," says Avnish, who adds that his unsecured credit card was ready within a week.

While the weak economy challenged the Soni's immediate career hopes, the Scotiabank Branch Manager accepted Avnish's resumé and offered career tips. Pinki applied her teaching degree as a tutor.

"We stayed positive and kept working at it," notes Avnish, who worked odd jobs while he studied for his mutual funds license, joined professional associations, and often visited the Scotiabank branch to keep in touch. His determination paid off when some months later he was hired into the Bank's training program.

Today as a Senior Personal Banking Officer at Scotiabank's suburban White Rock Branch, Avnish is eager to dispense tips on personal finance, government services and career-building. "A newcomer has many fears of the unknown, and my goal is to be their friend and a trusted advisor, showing them how to lower expenses, manage credit, and learn how Canada works."

Career-wise, Avnish tells newcomers to stick with their goals, despite the hurdles. "Take a job to put food on the table, but don't lose focus on what you want to do. Work on your language skills, learn about job market expectations and see how you can add value," he says.

Perseverance also helps newcomers reach financial goals. "It's never too early to start a financial plan, and I guide newcomers on ways to start saving for a home or any goal. For my family and me, our journey has just begun, but we've got something to aim for and that's why we came here."

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## Northern Gateway.
# Premiers' spat clouds pipeline debate: Dix

B.C.'s Opposition leader isn't impressed with Premier Christy Clark's battle with Alberta counterpart Alison Redford over pipeline revenue sharing.

NDP Leader Adrian Dix says Clark's threat to block the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Project if B.C. doesn't get a larger share of the benefits is pure politicking.

"The Liberal government, as recently as a couple weeks ago, was attacking me for saying B.C. is taking all the risk and not much of the benefits," Dix pointed out. "Now we see a change in position every other week. It must be perplexing to the entire country."

Instead of catering to public-opinion polls, Dix said, the government should stay focused on the potential impact the pipeline may have on British Columbia in the years ahead.

"This shouldn't be a matter of political tactics," he said. "The principle position is to protect the coast. I think we shouldn't lose sight of what's important."

The NDP is officially opposed to the project going forward.

Earlier this week, the ruling Liberals released five conditions that must be met before the government will approve the pipeline. **MATT KIELTYKA/METRO**

**Online evidence**

### Alleged racer turns himself in

A motorcyclist who allegedly raced along a highway at 300 km/h is behind bars in Kelowna. Randy George Scott turned himself in after a video of the incident surfaced on YouTube. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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### Interior bank robberies linked?

Vernon RCMP are investigating the possibility that three bank robberies in the town involved the same person. Surveillance photos taken yesterday match previous suspect descriptions, police say. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Police hoping fireworks event stays celebratory

Fireworks explode over the West End during last year's Celebration of Light. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

## Summer sparks.
Honda Celebration of Light begins Saturday with a fireworks display by Vietnam

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Vancouver police hope fireworks will be restricted to the skies Saturday as the Celebration of Light returns.

Hundreds of officers, firefighters and paramedics will be patrolling the city's beaches and downtown core before, after and during the annual fireworks competition, which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors to English Bay.

**Quoted**

**"We're not expecting any major public-order disruptions."**
Police Chief Jim Chu

This year's policing strategy will revolve around enforcing liquor laws even before festival-goers make it to the beach.

"A key part of our deployment will be liquor interdiction," said VPD Chief Jim Chu. "We're going to vigorously enforce the liquor laws."

Chu said transit police will be involved in a regional strategy that will put them on the lookout for any intoxicated youth.

Police will also be conducting searches along transit hubs if they have "reasonable grounds" to believe troublemakers may be bringing liquor into the downtown core.

Despite the enforcement, the police chief doesn't expect much trouble during the "family-oriented" event.

"We're not expecting any major public-order disruptions," he said.

The Honda Celebration of Light begins Saturday with a fireworks display by team Vietnam.

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# Auditor: B.C. deficit off by $520M, accounting principles not followed

**Fiscal dispute.** Finance minister releases 2011-2012 documents, which show deficit at $1.84B

The B.C. government has released its books for the last fiscal year with a smaller-than-forecast deficit, but the province's auditor general maintains the finance minister has understated the number by half a billion dollars.

Finance Minister Kevin Falcon released the 2011-2012 public accounts Wednesday showing the deficit at $1.84 billion, with most of that cost a repayment to Ottawa for the harmonized-sales-tax transition.

"Through prudent fiscal management, British Columbia is on track to eliminate the deficit and return to a balanced budget by 2013-14," Falcon said in a news release.

But auditor general John Doyle disputed the financial report, saying the government did not follow accepted Canadian accounting principles that, if used, would boost the figure to more than $2.3 billion.

"There is room for substantial improvement," Doyle said in a news release. "(The) government could have easily fixed the financial statements."

The auditor's major issue relates to how the government accounts for royalty credits earned by natural-gas producers.

In an information bulletin that explains his rationale, Doyle said the government failed to set up a provision for the deep-well credits that are used to reduced the amount of royalties that the gas companies must pay to the province.

He finds that a $702-million liability has been left off the books.

But the ministry disagreed with the auditor's assessment.

It said Doyle's bookkeeping opinions don't reflect how accounting has been done in B.C. in the past or how other jurisdictions such as Alberta keep their records. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Finance Minister Kevin Falcon STEPHANIE ORFORD/METRO FILE

An intern at the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue Centre takes care of an injured harbour porpoise after it was rescues and transported to Vancouver Tuesday night. COURTESY OF VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

# Marine rescue team helping rehabilitate injured porpoise

An injured harbour porpoise is in "grave" condition but in good hands after being rescued off an Esquimalt shore.

According to the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue Centre, the young adult male porpoise had beached itself after being unable to swim because of a wound near its tail fluke.

A member of the Songhees Nation called in the discovery late Tuesday evening and, with the help of volunteers and staff from other wildlife organizations, transported the porpoise — now named Theodore — to the aquarium's rescue centre in Vancouver.

"His condition is grave, but we are cautiously optimistic at this time," said Lindsaye Akhurst, manager of the rescue centre. "He does have wounds on the ventral aspect of his body (abdomen) and is currently being supported by a specially made sling to support him in the water."

The porpoise is being fed every 90 minutes and staff say it is taking a slight interest in eating fish.

The centre expects to treat the wound Wednesday, and perform a number of diagnostics and X-rays on the animal.

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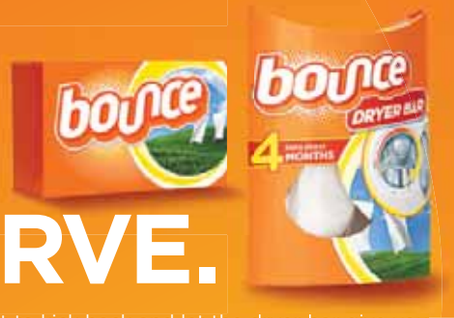


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Greece's Voula Papachristou at the European Athletics Championships in Helsinki. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# Greek athlete expelled over racist tweets

**Track.** Olympian's apologies come too late as politicians call for her removal

Triple jumper Voula Papachristou was expelled from Greece's Olympic team Wednesday for her comments on Twitter mocking African immigrants and expressing support for a far-right party.

The Hellenic Olympic Committee said Wednesday that Papachristou had been excluded from the team "for statements contrary to the values and ideas of the Olympic movement."

"It's the same as violating fair play," Isidoros Kouvelos, the head of Greece's Olympic mission, told Greece's Skai. "We are not here just to get medals, but to promote the Olympic ideals, to show our character."

Papachristou's Twitter account contained several retweets and links promoting the views of Golden Dawn, a formerly marginal extreme-right party.

But it was her attempt at a joke Sunday that went viral. Commenting on the widely reported appearance of Nile-virus-carrying mosquitoes in Athens, Papachristou wrote: "With so many Africans in Greece, the West Nile mosquitoes will be getting home food!!!"

After the ensuing uproar, Greece's Olympic committee banned their athletes from using social media to express personal opinions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A damaged vehicle from clashes between Free Syrian Army soldiers and Syrian government troops is seen at the border town of Azaz, north of Aleppo, on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/TURKPIX

# Ban Ki-moon urges world to stop the 'slaughter' of Syrians

**UN.** General-secretary says world failed to prevent similar tragedy in Bosnia, calls for Assad to step down

UN General-Secretary Ban Ki-moon said Wednesday the world must unite in its response to Syria's civil war and do all it can to stop what he called the slaughter taking place there.

Speaking in Sarajevo, Ban said other countries intervened in Libya and the Ivory Coast to stop widespread killing there, but failed during Bosnia's 1992-95 war to prevent Bosnian Serbs from killing more than 8,000 Muslim Bosniaks in Srebrenica while the town was officially under UN protection.

But Ban did not say in his speech exactly what the international community should do in Syria beyond already calling for Syrian President Bashar Assad to step down. He also did not criticize Russia and China by name for vetoing a Western-backed UN resolution threatening Assad's regime with sanctions.

**Quoted**

**'Quite simply, we must do better at seeing atrocities coming and telling it like it is. We cannot take refuge behind strong words and weak action."**

Ban Ki-moon in a speech to Bosnia's parliament

"We must work to prevent and respond to grave violations of international humanitarian law. That is why we acted in Libya. We acted in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Today, the international community is being tested in Syria," Ban said in a speech to Bosnia's Parliament.

As he spoke, Syrian tanks attacked insurgents in Aleppo, Syria, in an effort to end a five-day rebel fight to take the city. Activists say that Syria's 16-month-old uprising has killed 19,000 people.

The UN chief urged the international community to act together to take what he called "meaningful action."

"Without unity, there will be more bloodshed. More deadlock means more dead," Ban said. "That is why, here in the heart of a healing Bosnia and Herzegovina, I make a plea to the world: Do not delay. Come together. Act. Act now to stop the slaughter in Syria."

An international airstrike campaign in Libya last year helped its rebels end the 40-year erratic leadership of strongman Moammar Gadhafi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Biological weapons

## 'Post-Assad Syria' talks underway

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says discussions about a "post-Assad Syria" are underway, including what to do about the stockpile of chemical and biological weapons held by the country's regime.

Baird said Canada is working with allies to ensure the weapons don't fall into the wrong hands as the conflict reaches a climax.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Civilian population

## Aleppo attacks 'heinous,' White House says

The White House says the Syrian government's assault on Aleppo with tanks and airplanes illustrates "the depth of depravity" of President Bashar Assad's regime.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Assad was used his forces to "perpetrate heinous violence" against the city's civilian population.

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Fear

## Israelis line up for gas masks

Israelis rushed to get government-issue gas masks Wednesday, the latest sign of mounting fears that Syria's chemical weapons stockpiles could be used against them as the crisis there deepens.

Syria threatened to unleash chemical and biological weapons if faced with foreign attack. Syria is believed to have nerve agents and mustard gas.

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# Former U.S. lawmaker Giffords on first trip abroad since shooting

**CERN.** Giffords, who used to head U.S. space sub-committee, was accompanying astronaut husband to European physics lab

Former U.S. congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords toured a European particle-physics laboratory Wednesday, cheerfully facing reporters but saying little during her first trip abroad since being shot in the head last year.

Giffords was accompanying her husband, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, on a visit to the European Center for Nuclear Research. The lab, known as CERN, had assembled a $2-billion cosmic-ray detector that Kelly and his team carried to the International Space Station in May 2011.

That mission came just months after Giffords, a lawmaker from Arizona, was shot by a gunman in a Jan. 8, 2011, rampage that killed six and wounded 13 outside a Tucson supermarket. Since then, Giffords has undergone intensive therapy and made dramatic progress, but she also decided to leave her seat in Congress to focus on her recovery.

Former U.S. congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and her astronaut husband, Mark Kelly, in the French Alps on Monday. MIKE STRUIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

During a press conference Wednesday, Kelly joined CERN officials and four other astronauts in recalling the delicate task of installing the seven-ton Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the space station so that it could scan the universe for signs of dark matter and anti-matter. Kelly commanded the mission, which was the final flight of Space Shuttle Endeavour.

Nobel laureate Samuel Ting, a physicist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the principal investigator for the CERN-based project, said the detector is functioning "perfectly" and an international team of 600 scientists has now collected data from 18 billion cosmic rays.

Giffords, a Democrat, served on the House Science and Technology Committee, and took on NASA affairs while heading the space subcommittee. Ting singled her out for praise because of her support for the U.S. space program. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Equality

## Scots legalizing gay marriage

Scotland's government has announced plans to legalize same-sex marriages.

Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said Wednesday that legislation permitting the marriages would soon be introduced.

The measure has backing from the major Scottish political parties. It follows a public consultation on the issue.

When enacted, Scotland could become the first part of the U.K. to allow same-sex marriages.

The U.K. government has conducted a public consultation on legalizing same-sex marriages, and it has the backing of Prime Minister David Cameron. But U.K. officials are waiting for the results of the public consultation before taking further steps. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingenuity

## Use of legal synthetic drugs up

People are inventing so many new, legal ways to get high that U.S. lawmakers can't seem to keep up.

Over the past two years, the country has seen a surge in the use of synthetic drugs made of legal chemicals that mimic the dangerous effects of cocaine, amphetamines and other illegal stimulants. Some are imported cheaply from China or India.

The drugs are often sold at small, independent stores in misleading packaging that suggests common household items like bath salts, incense and plant food. But the substances are powerful, mind-altering drugs that have been linked to bizarre and violent behaviour across the country. Law-enforcement officials refer to the drugs collectively as "bath salts," though they have nothing in common with the toiletries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

National security

## Surveillance info no longer public

The curtains at Canada's most secretive federal agency have been drawn a little tighter.

The government has quietly stopped telling Canadians about the annual priorities of the national electronic eavesdropping agency, meaning scant details of its mission that were once made public are now classified.

Communications Security Establishment Canada, with headquarters in a non-descript building in Ottawa's south end, has the dual role of monitoring foreign computer, satellite, radio and telephone traffic, as well as helping protect federal computer systems. It has a staff of more than 2,000 and a budget of about $400 million.

For years, a section of the Defence Department's annual plans and priorities report spelled out the agency's priorities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Gun sales surge across U.S.

**Colorado theatre massacre.** While the shootings have stirred debate on gun control, Washington stays mum

Firearms sales are surging after last week's Colorado theatre massacre as buyers fear that politicians may use the shootings to seek new restrictions on owning weapons.

Some Democratic lawmakers in Congress cited the shooting as evidence of the need for tougher gun-control laws — particularly a ban on high-capacity ammunition magazines. Congress, however, hasn't passed strict legislation in more than a decade, and leaders in Washington show no sign of bringing up such measures anytime soon.

In Colorado, where Friday's shooting killed 12, gun sales jumped in the three days that followed. The state approved background checks for 2,887 people who wanted to purchase a firearm — 25 per cent more than the average Friday-to-Sunday period in 2012 and 43 per cent more than the same interval the week prior.

Dick Rutan, owner of Gunners Den in Arvada, Colo., said requests for concealed-weapon training certification "are off the hook." His course in gun safety, required for certification for a concealed-weapons permit in Colorado, has drawn double the interest since Friday.

"They want ... the ability to protect themselves and their families if they are in a situation like what happened in the movie theatre," Rutan said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Other parts of the U.S.**

- **Florida.** Saw 2,386 background checks, up 14 per cent from a week prior.
- **Oregon.** Sales up 11 per cent over last month.
- **California.** Background checks up 10 per cent over last month.

Actor Christian Bale and his wife, Sibi Blazic, are seen Tuesday at a memorial dedicated to Veronica Moser-Sullivan, 6, the youngest of the 12 victims of Friday's mass shooting in Aurora, Colo. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eldest victim

## *First funeral held*

A dad who took his teenage children to the new Batman movie and was killed when a gunman opened fire was mourned Wednesday, the first memorial service for a victim of the shootings.

Fifty-one-year-old Gordon Cowden was the oldest of the 12 people killed. His teenage children escaped unharmed.

A family statement described him as a "true Texas gentleman" who loved the outdoors and owned his own business.

Funerals were planned in towns from San Antonio, home of aspiring sportscaster Jessica Ghawi, to Crystal Lake, Ill., the hometown of navy intelligence officer John Thomas Larimer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## North Korea. Mystery woman wife of leader

North Korea ended weeks of speculation Wednesday by confirming that the mystery woman beside young leader Kim Jong Un at recent public events is indeed his wife, "comrade Ri Sol Ju." The news was buried in a state TV report about Kim's tour of an amusement park, delivered casually by a newscaster who gave no details about Ri, including how long she and Kim have been married.

Kim, who inherited rule of North Korea from his father, Kim Jong Il, seven months ago, has been seen with Ri at a concert, a kindergarten visit and other events recently, but state media did not mention her before now, fueling widespread speculation about her identity.

Analysts said the announcement was a calculated move by Kim and his advisers as they forge the image of the 20-something leader. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## England. Boy flies to Rome without ticket, passport

The 11-year-old boy didn't have a passport, didn't have a ticket, didn't have a boarding pass and got all the way from England to Italy on his own.

For him, the 1,700-kilometre journey was a great adventure — and his excitement led to his discovery.

"He was chatting away about being off by himself," and passengers alerted the cabin crew, Russell Craig, a spokesman for Manchester Airport, said Wednesday.

The boy, who is known to be fascinated by transport and has a history of catching free rides on trains and buses, was sent back to Manchester on the return flight, Craig said.

For the airport, airline Jet2.com and the British government, Tuesday's incident was an embarrassing breach of security days before the start of the Olympics.

**Quoted**

**"It's a security breach, if a non-threatening security breach."**
Ben Vogel, HIS Jane's Airport Review

Ben Vogel, editor of HIS Jane's Airport Review, said he wasn't familiar with all the details of the incident but said it's a fundamental security principle that people aren't allowed aboard an aircraft if they have no right to be there.

"It's not good, is it?" he said. "It is a security breach, if a non-threatening security breach."

An undisclosed number of security staff employed by the airport and airline employees have been suspended while authorities investigate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Montreal. Public funeral for Lin held today

A public funeral will be held today for Jun Lin, whose slaying grabbed national attention after his body was dismembered and parts were mailed to two Canadian cities.

Concordia University spokeswoman Clea Desjardins says the service will be held at a Montreal funeral home.

Lin studied computer science at the university, which is helping raise funds for his family and is setting up an award in his memory.

A public memorial was held last weekend in which his anguished mother talked about how the tragedy had devastated the family.

Lin's dismembered torso was found May 29 stuffed in a suitcase that had been dumped in the trash outside a Montreal apartment building.

The same day, one of his feet was discovered in a package mailed to the Conservative party in Ottawa and a hand was found in another package in a Canada Post warehouse in the national capital.

His other hand and foot were discovered on June 5 in packages mailed to two Vancouver schools. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**The suspect**

- Luka Rocco Magnotta, a small-time porn actor, was arrested June 4 in Berlin after an international manhunt.
- He was extradited to Montreal on June 18 and charged with Lin's first-degree murder the next day. He has pleaded not guilty

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# Loblaw to open 700 Joe Fresh stores in the U.S.

**Grocery chain.** Canadian brand announces partnership with U.S. retailer J.C. Penney as it ramps up its fashion line

Loblaw Companies Ltd. plans to unveil about 700 Joe Fresh stores in the U.S. next year as Canada's largest grocery chain works to ramp up sales of its hip fashion line to help bolster earnings that dropped by 19 per cent in its most recent quarter.

Loblaw's Joe Fresh clothing brand announced Wednesday it has formed a partnership with U.S. retailer J.C. Penney Co. to open 700 stores in the U.S. in 2013 that will run for four years.

The move comes amid a massive overhaul of Loblaw's information-technology and supply-chain software system that is set to cost the company billions.

The capital-intensive rollout, along with a hypercompetitive grocery market in Canada, has eaten into its bottom line.

Loblaw reported second-quarter net earnings of $159 million, or 56 cents per diluted share, down almost 19 per cent from the $197 million earned in the same period in 2011.

That missed analysts' calls for earnings of 62 cents per share by five cents.

Shares fell 1.5 per cent, or 47 cents, to close at $31.45 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

"While I'm not happy that earnings are down, we are on plan," said Loblaw president Vicente Trius on a conference call Wednesday.

Revenue came in at $7.37 billion for the period ended June 16, an increase of 1.3 per cent from the $7.28 billion over the second quarter of 2011.

Retail sales and same-store sales grew 1.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent, respectively.

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**Across Canada**

**Loblaw, a subsidiary of George Weston Ltd., operates more than 1,000 stores across Canada under numerous banners, including Great Canadian Super Store, Provigo, No Frills and Atlantic Superstore.**

- The company employs 138,000 full- and part-time workers.

**Agriculture**

## Drought predicted to push food prices

The U.S. government is projecting the record drought gripping half the country will help push food prices up by three per cent to four per cent next year.

Figures released by the Department of Agriculture on Wednesday show that beef prices are expected to see the biggest jump at four per cent to five per cent.

Dairy product prices are expected to climb 3.5 per cent to 4.5 per cent. Poultry prices are expected to rise three per cent to four per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Market Minute**

**DOLLAR** 98.5¢ US (+0.5¢)

**TSX** 11,492.51 (+25.56)

**OIL** $88.97 US (+47¢)

**GOLD** $1,608.10 US (+$31.90)

**Natural gas:** $3.07 US (-11.7¢)
**Dow Jones:** 12,676.05 (+58.73)

## Oil. Industry minister to review $15B US Nexen bid

Canada's industry minister isn't dropping any hints about whether he will approve or reject a Chinese state-owned company's multibillion-dollar bid for Calgary-based Nexen Inc.

And just like Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Christian Paradis is warning Canadians not to jump to any conclusions about which way it will go.

Paradis says he'll wait until he reviews an application from China National Offshore Oil Company — also known as CNOOC Ltd. — before deciding whether or not to green-light the $15.1-billion US transaction.

CNOOC's proposed all-cash takeover of oil and gas producer Nexen was a friendly bid, offering shareholders a 60-per-cent premium on their holdings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**The bottom line**

**"It has to be for the net benefit of this country. This is the bottom line here."**

**Industry minister Christian Paradis** on Chinese company's bid for Nexen Inc.

## Mountain Lion leaps to laptops

A customer looks at the new OS X Mountain Lion operating system at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif., Wednesday.

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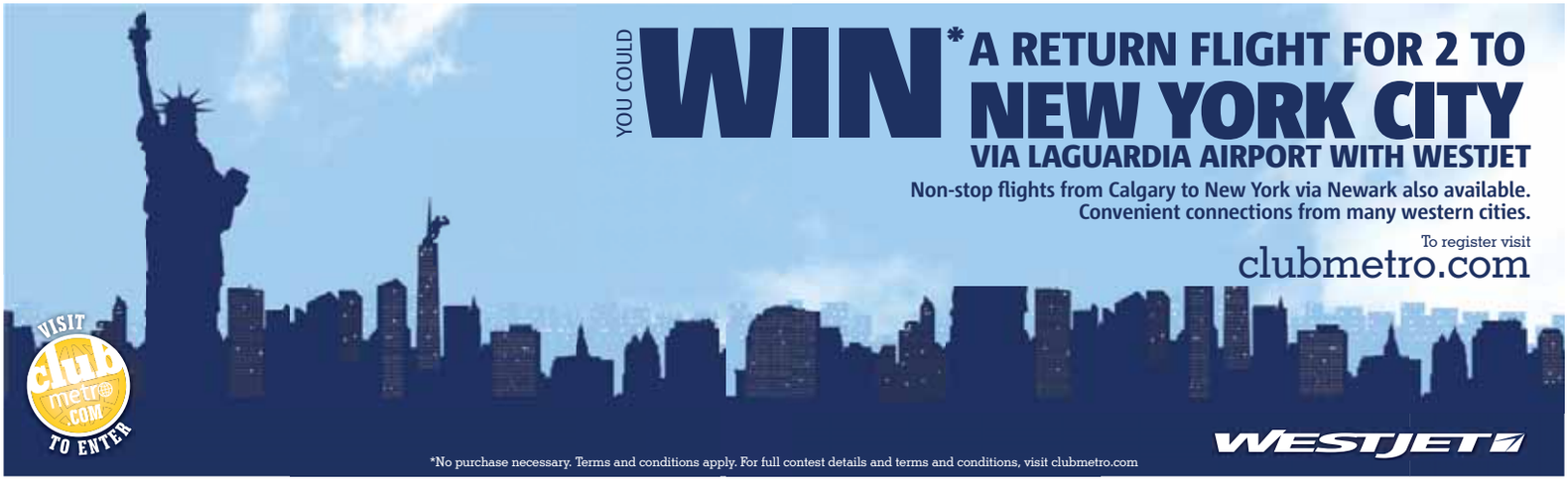
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## Singing a different tune. Lady Gaga sued for $10M by toy company over doll deal

A toy company is suing Lady Gaga for more than $10 million, claiming the pop star sabotaged a deal to make a doll in her likeness that would play snippets of her music.

In a suit filed in New York City on Tuesday, MGA Entertainment, the maker of the popular Bratz doll line, said it paid a $1-million advance to the company that handles Gaga's merchandising and spent a mint racing to meet deadlines to ship the dolls this summer.

The dolls were to feature some of the singer's outlandish costumes, as well as a "voice chip" with samples of her songs.

But the toy maker said the plan was derailed in the spring when the merchandiser, Bravado International, abruptly tried to back out of the part of the deal allowing the dolls to use the singer's music. MGA said Bravado then tried to delay sales of the doll until next year, when her new album is expected to be released.

Lady Gaga THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The toy company claimed the singer's representatives ultimately stopped co-operating with the project while she went on a world tour. MGA said her refusal to sign off on the final doll designs is jeopardizing $28 million in expected revenue from the fall shopping season and holding up orders from 10 countries.

A representative for Lady Gaga called the lawsuit "ill-conceived" and said there was "no legitimate reason" to drag the singer into a dispute primarily between MGA and Bravado, a subsidiary of Universal Music Group.

Bravado issued a statement through a spokesman calling the lawsuit "meritless." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Can movies save RIM's Playbook?

**Tech troubles.** Research in Motion takes yet another hit as the New York Times dumps its Blackberry app

Can Hollywood blockbusters help save the PlayBook?

BlackBerry maker Research in Motion has launched a new movie-store app for owners of its tablet, which has struggled to gain market share since it launched last year.

The lack of a movie store and the lack of native e-mail were two of the chief criticisms of the tablet when it was first launched. The e-mail issue was solved this February with the unveiling of the new PlayBook 2.0 operating system.

The BlackBerry Video Store, run by Rovi Entertainment, was launched in the U.S. earlier this year, but made its Canadian debut Wednesday.

According to a spokesperson, users can sample before they purchase, with movie and TV trailers available free of charge. Happy Feet 2 and Sherlock Holmes: Games of Shadows, were among the thousands of movies available for rent or purchase.

Meanwhile, RIM's BlackBerry took a hit in the content department Wednesday with news the New York Times was jettisoning its BlackBerry app, while keeping its iPhone and Android apps.

RIM executive Martyn Mallick said BlackBerry is still a good way for newspapers to engage their readers, despite the NYT decision.

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## Real estate. Prices may fall by 25 per cent: Report

A new report suggests that if the Canadian real estate market continues to cool, house prices could see substantial declines next year and could fall by as much as 25 per cent over the long term.

Capital Economics economist David Madani says a housing correction is inevitable and prices will decline by 25 per cent, with declines beginning next year.

He says home sales have dropped four per cent in the past two months and the trend is likely to continue given Ottawa's recently tightened mortgage rules.

And given that there is usually a lag between a drop in home sales activity and prices, Madani believes a decline in home prices could come in five to nine months.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Media. Newsweek reviewing its future

The head of the company that owns Newsweek says the publication is examining its future as a weekly print magazine.

During a conference call with analysts Wednesday, IAC/InterActiveCorp chairman Barry Diller said that while Newsweek's brand is strong around the world, producing a weekly news magazine in print form isn't easy.

Diller said IAC is examining all options for Newsweek and will have a plan in the coming months. He said little about what those options were. Short of going online-only, Newsweek could publish fewer print editions.

"I can't tell you in what ways it will be different, but it will be different," Diller said during the call, which was held to discuss IAC's quarterly earnings.

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# A PREVIEW OF OLYMPIC PROPORTIONS

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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How will London cope this week as it's hit with pollution, traffic congestion and rabid media attention for the first time in history?

This and other questions will be answered as the Triple-X Olympiad officially gets underway Friday. We don't trust you to watch the right events and have the proper emotional reaction to them, so here's a list of the biggest storylines we demand you watch for.

**Are they ready?** The Olympics are home to some dependable traditions, and one of the most consistent is the Lamenting of the Games. Before every Olympics, the media make it sound like the runners will have their times slowed by wet cement and divers will be jumping into empty swimming pools, their falls broken by contractors desperately trying to get the host city ready.

In London, the biggest problem appears to be security, which was thrown into shambles when it was revealed that a key security firm didn't have enough people and was handing out sashes that said "hall monitor" to anybody who asked.

Now they've called in the army, because nothing makes people feel secure like soldiers in the streets.

If things work out, the media will call it a miracle of Olympic proportions. If things don't work out, the media will call it a catastrophe of Olympic proportions. (We're on tight deadlines.)

**Open questions.** The opening ceremony has become an important show of national pride for the host country. Can Britain's gymnasts and interpretive dancers do justice to Britain's food, emotion and weather? One organizer gave a tantalizing hint when he promised "more shades of grey than you've ever seen."

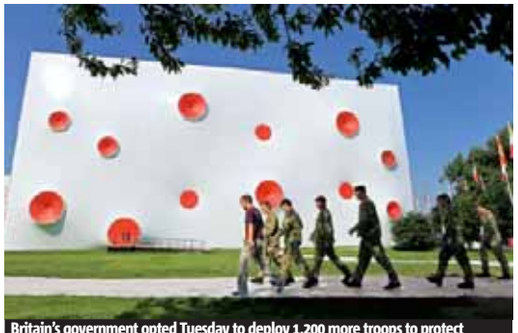
**All-time record?** If American swimmer Michael Phelps dominates, he'll become the most decorated Olympian ever. This will be a major embarrassment for Canada, because Phelps will surpass the total distance travelled by Canada's submarine fleet.

**Hoop dreams.** It promises to be a special moment when the world puts aside its differences, joins hands and prays for the humiliating defeat of the U.S. basketball team. The chance to cheer against Kobe Bryant and LeBron James simultaneously is rare and should be cherished.

**Star watch.** World-famous athletes won't be the only celebrities, as entertainment superstars descend on London including uber-couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. Watch for North Korean athletes to wander near Jolie in hopes she'll adopt them.

**Whither Canada?** Sportswriters went all gooey during the Vancouver Games about how Canada had finally come of age — just like we did during Vimy Ridge, the Second World War, Expo '67, Summit Series '72 and that "Joe Canadian" Molson commercial. I thought that was mostly hooey because Canada won the most gold medals; it's easy to stand up loud and proud when you're winning. Since Canada doesn't do as well at the Summer Olympics, here's our big chance to reveal our true patriotism. Otherwise we're just Phoenix Coyotes fans on a playoff run.

That said, I trust we'll see lots of Canadians standing on the podium. Assuming it's constructed on time.



Britain's government opted Tuesday to deploy 1,200 more troops to protect Olympic venues, a move that reflects a lack of confidence in a private security contractor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Travelling in London an Olympic sport?

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Summer Games

## VIP lanes, the Tube cause delays

Wednesday saw an uncertain test of the British capital's Olympic transport plan, as lanes reserved for Olympic VIPs came into force two days before the start of the Games and the city's creaky subway system struggled with glitches.

Traffic jams blocked some of the main routes into the city as the wildly unpopular "Games Lanes" took effect. The 48 kilometres of lanes are to operate from 6 a.m. to midnight throughout the Games, and cars or taxi cabs that stray into them face a $200 US fine.

Thousands of London drivers have switched to public transport, only to encounter severe delays on several underground subway lines caused by power-supply problems and signal failures. Severe delays were reported Wednesday on the city's Central and Hammersmith subway lines.

Transportation is London's weak spot: Traffic often clogs up on its narrow, historic roads, bus schedules can change at a moment's notice, and the famous Underground suffers from daily delays and infrastructure that in parts is more than a century old. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Criticism over designation

- The International Olympic Committee had specifically demanded VIP road lanes be created after learning lessons from previous Games.
- In London, some of the loudest opposition to the Olympic VIP lanes has come from the city's cabbies, who have staged two recent demonstrations that brought central London traffic to a standstill. They say being banned from Olympic lanes jeopardizes their business.

Hanging on a wire

## Cable car stranded above Thames

Cable-car passengers got plenty of time to view London's sights after the system linking two Olympic venues broke down and left them stranded above the River Thames Wednesday.

The cable-car system, dubbed the Emirates Air Line, opened last month and links the 02 Arena in Greenwich — which will host Olympic basketball and gymnastics — and the ExCel exhibition centre, where boxing will take place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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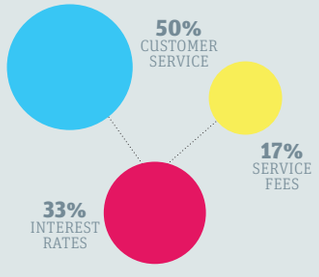


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**@bellaluminara:** Seriously, #Vancouver, is it really that hard to say please, thank you, and excuse me? My inner Ms. Manners is seriously annoyed.

**@gewlsFFI:** YAAAY Weise!! <3

**@MikeFraser29:** Congrats to Dale Weise on re-signing a one-year deal with the Vancouver Canucks.

**@scotth26:** Why did the #Canucks resign #Weise? He's a plug and didn't fight well when needed

**@kamotus:** Too much Dale Weise on my TL right now. Bye.

**@SchneidersTeeth:** If Dale Weise loses a fight does that automatically make him a bad player? If he wins a fight does he become a good player?

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Vacouver's Pride Festival culminates with the Pride parade. RAFE ARNOOT/FOR METRO

# Rainbow promises to shine through Vancouver's rain

**Vancouver Pride Festival.** There's plenty of events planned for this year's party — including the fifth largest Pride parade in the world

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Let's cut to the chase: The summer is passing us by and we've had very little exposure to sunshine in the last couple of months.

What gives, West Coast?

No matter. The streets of our fair city are about to get brighter — Vancouver Pride is upon us! Still, some more sun would be nice, right?

Here are some highlights of what's happening around town for the 2012 Vancouver Pride Festival:

**Pride Movie Night (Wednesday, Aug. 1):** Features Kinky Boots (1995), a fun film about a man who inherits his family's failing small-town shoe business. Along comes Lola, a drag performer in need of a good pair of shoes. Hijinx ensue. At Denman Cinema (7 p.m.)

**G(r)ay & Glamorous (Thursday, Aug. 1):** Social dance for LGBT elders and allies. By donation and accessible. At Barclay Manor from 5 – 8 p.m.

**Barefoot Davie Street Dance Party (Friday, Aug. 3):** Let's be clear, Barefoot is the sponsor — you need to wear shoes. Hit up Davie Street (between Burrard and Jervis) on Friday night for some DJs and dancing. Cash only and 19+.

**Terry Wallace Memorial Breakfast (Saturday, Aug.t 4, 8:30 a.m. - noon):** The annual breakfast honouring one of the founders of Vancouver Pride. This is by-donation and is in the heart of Davie Village at Bute Street.

**34th Annual Pride Parade (Sunday, Aug. 5):** It all culminates with this city's most-colourful parade. It's the fifth largest Pride parade in the world: 150 floats and thousands of participants and spectators lining the streets. It starts on Robson, heads south on Denman Street and finishes down on the beach. Starts at noon.

**Pride Festival and Market (Sunday, Aug. 5):** Head down to Sunset Beach from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for live music, more than 150 vendors and a beer garden.

**Pride Youth Dance (Sunday, Aug. 5):** An alcohol and drug free celebration for queer/trans youth and their allies. Caters to 14-25 youth looking for a safe, affordable party. Admission is by donation, but no one gets turned away. At the Westend Community Centre from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Download the Vancouver Pride Parade and Festival guide at VancouverPride.ca.

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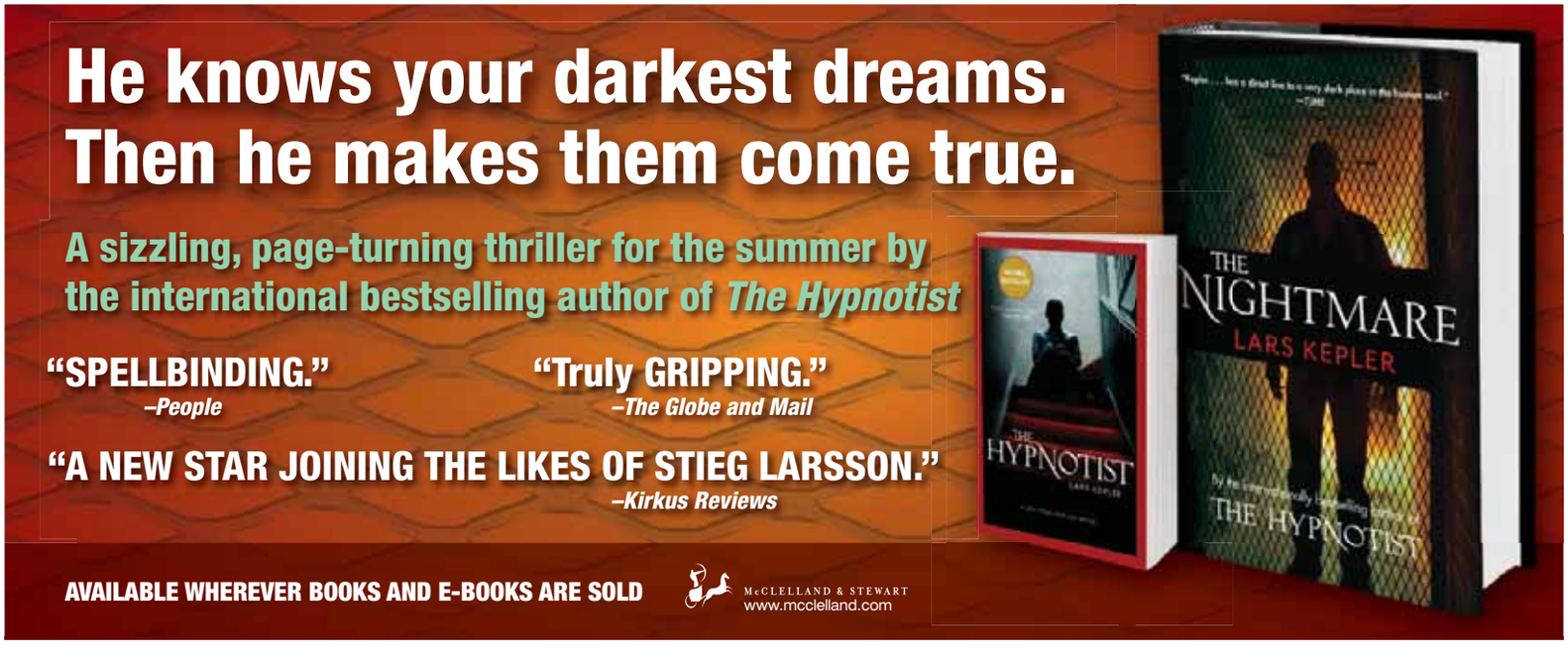
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# Watch for another level of camaraderie

**Emotional connection.** Big cast has big friendships in new comedy about an alien invasion of suburban Ohio

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Ben Stiller, Johnny Pemberton and Jonah Hill star in The Watch. MELINDA SUE GORDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the benefits of doing an ensemble comedy is catching up with old friends. At least, that's how it was on The Watch for Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn, who co-star with Jonah Hill and Richard Ayoade as concerned citizens investigating what turns out to be an alien invasion in their suburban Ohio neighbourhood.

Stiller and Vaughn previously squared off in Dodgeball, but here they're playing something a bit chummier.

"I love working with these guys. It's great to work with the people who make you laugh and who are funnier," Stiller admits. "Vince and I had a really fun time working on Dodgeball together and it was exciting to have a chance to do something. It had been a while for us, so it was exciting to have a chance to do something new together."

Reunions aside, Stiller also enjoyed letting loose in a comedy that didn't have the same restrictions as his more family-friendly fare.

"The fun thing for me is to be a part of a movie where you don't have to worry," Stiller admits. "Being in an R-rated film, you can have a lot more freedom."

And that freedom doesn't just mean more violence and cursing, but it extends to how the characters are depicted as well, as the four men aren't forced into learning some sort of lesson or personal growth.

"I don't think it was about having it all sort of tied up in bow. It was more about these guys hanging out and how they affected each other, but it wasn't like about teaching lessons or anything," Stiller says. "I do think there is sort of, you know, an emotional connection these guys do have by ending up being together."

While Stiller, Vaughn and Hill are familiar faces to comedy audiences, the forth member of their neighbourhood watch might not be: British actor and director Richard Ayoade, who directed last year's Submarine (executive-produced by Stiller), admits he felt like he stuck out a bit in the cast.

"I've never been in a film, not really," Ayoade admits. "My wife said — and she's right — it's going to look like I won a competition to be in a film with movie stars. And there were several days when I was like, 'Why are Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn and Jonah Hill looking at me? Oh! I'm in a scene with them. I ought to start trying to act back.' It's very surreal and I'm a huge fan of these people. It was a great pleasure for me to get to somewhat bring down the film by being in it."

Vaughn, of course, thinks Ayoade's self-deprecation is misplaced.

"Richard is so funny. It was so fun, he brought such an original voice and great ideas and is just funny in the movie," Vaughn says. "You get a bunch of guys together from different walks of life and at the end of the day there's a lot of laughter and a lot of camaraderie."

**The Watch**

**Vince Vaughn adjusting to being a parent**

- **Daughters.** In The Watch, Vince Vaughn's character has a rather argumentative relationship with an unruly teenage daughter trying to grow up too fast. In real life, Vaughn has just welcomed his first daughter. So did the movie give him any premonitions of troubles to come? "My daughter is just 19, 20 months now, so I'm along away from that," he admits. "Thankfully I'm a long, long way from answering any of those questions as far as being protective. But I have encouraged her to get on some scooters — motor scooters — motorized vehicles. That kind of stuff. I threw her in the pool, but she swam so it's fine."

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# Love Community? NBC isn't sold on it

**TV.** At the Television Critics Association press tour, the struggling network said its focus is shifting to broader comedy

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Can a monkey save NBC?

The network that routinely finishes last in ratings among the big four broadcast companies is in a state of transition, most obviously seen in its approach to comedy this fall.

Where NBC has been a haven for critically loved, cult-hit sitcoms that don't draw massive amounts of viewers, the network is now introducing comedies starring a lab-coat wearing monkey (Animal Practice) and babies raised by clueless, yet caring, dads (Guys with Kids.)

"We're going to transition with our comedy programming and … try to broaden the audience and broaden what the network does," Robert Greenblatt, chairman of NBC Entertainment, told journalists gathered at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Wednesday.

"Those Thursday comedies, which the critics love and we love, tend to be a bit more narrow than we'd ultimately like as we go forward."

Greenblatt was referring to shows like Parks and Recreation and 30 Rock, and more specifically, Community, which featured an entire episode that played out in the style of an 8-bit video game last season.

Is Crystal the Monkey on Animal Practice doing to save NBC? GETTY IMAGES

Though all three were renewed for next season, as of late Community has received little love from NBC, which fired the show's creator, ordered only 13 episodes, and pushed the show back to Fridays.

"The reason that we did 13 episodes of that and a couple of our other shows is because we really wanted to get more comedies on the schedule … which isn't to say we couldn't decide at some point to extend those seasons," Greenblatt said. "I would love nothing more than Community to have a following on Friday and to be able to continue it."

NBC offering even that amount of support to a similarly quirky new series doesn't appear likely. Greenblatt called those creatively robust, yet ill-performing sitcoms "a little bit more sophisticated than I think you might want for a real broad audience."

And what says "mass appeal" better than animals and babies?

"We didn't sit down and say, 'Let's find some shows with babies and animals everywhere,' but we did buy into visions from creators that we felt were funny, specific, emotional and original," said Jennifer Salke, the NBC president.

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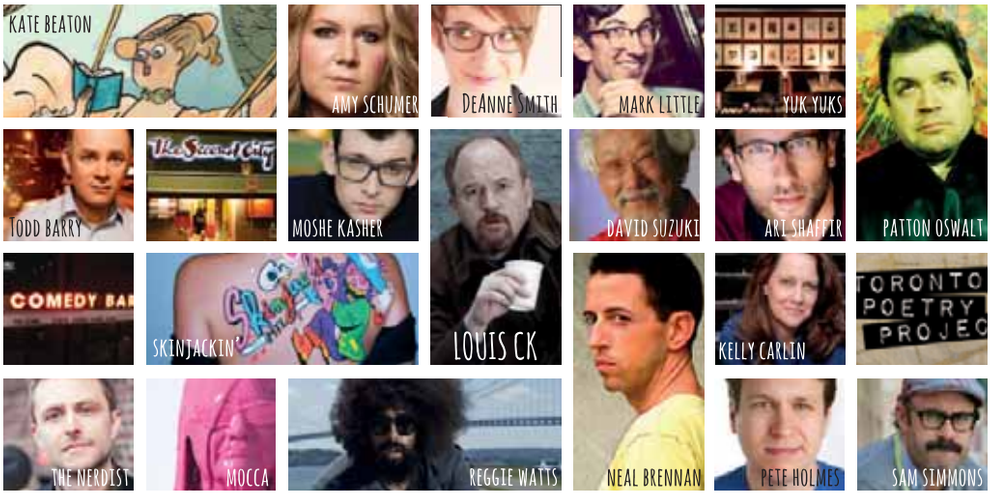


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## Kiefer Sutherland. 24 movie will get made, sooner rather than later

Kiefer Sutherland says don't worry, Jack Bauer fans. That 24 movie will get made, sooner rather than later.

"Yeah, I don't want to do it with a cane," says the 45-year-old actor, who played the ruthless anti-terrorist agent Jack Bauer for eight seasons on the Fox action series.

Sutherland was at the Fox network's Television Critics Association summer press tour party Monday night to promote his latest series, Touch. It premiered last winter to good reviews but middle-of-the-pack ratings.

A script for the long-delayed 24 movie just wasn't ready in time for Sutherland to shoot it during the hiatus from Touch. Fox now has production penciled in for next spring.

Sutherland hopes his new series will be hard to schedule around for quite a while.

He enjoyed working on the 13-episode winter and spring run.

He felt the drama — about a father and his 11-year-old emotionally disturbed and mute son (played by David Mazouz) — was really hitting its creative stride by the end of that first season.

Executive producer Tim Kring (Heroes) says the stakes will be higher when the series returns this fall. Father and son will be on the run. A new character, played by Maria Bello (who starred last fall in the short-lived drama Prime Suspect), will join the cast, a move Sutherland could not be more excited about.

Kiefer Sutherland GETTY IMAGES

"She's phenomenal," he says. Bello will play a character with a child facing similar challenges. Conversations between the two struggling parents will help viewers understand things that were difficult to communicate and explain in season one, as Sutherland sees it.

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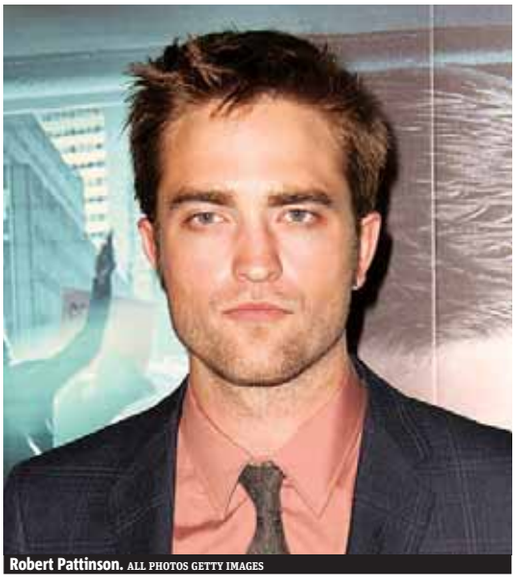

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## Pattinson talks cheating

Robert Pattinson obviously won't be releasing a statement — he'll let some pretty young blond do the talking next week. So for now, all we've got is his April chat in Vanity Fair, where he conveniently discussed affairs.

"There's a thing I've never got: That is, why do people cheat? I can understand the impulse," he says.

"But not how you can keep two relationships going at the same time for long. I'm not the casual-affair kind of guy. If I choose to be with someone, it's because I really want it. When I have a relationship, I'm 100 per cent into it."

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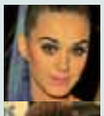

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**The Word**

## *Kristen Stewart 'deeply sorry' about affair*

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We always blamed Kristen Stewart's ever-present pout on her distaste for photographers. Maybe an extra weird rash. Possibly a Spanx situation. But we never suspected that the problem could be Robert Pattinson, her much more photogenic boyfriend and Twilight co-star.

It seems, however, that while Stewart's been parading down red carpets with Pattinson, she's also been having a fling with Rupert Sanders, her married Snow White and the Huntsman director.

Us Weekly has pretty incriminating photographs of the two snuggled up to each other in Los Angeles on July 17, just a few days before Stewart and Pattinson attended the Teen Choice Awards together.

Witnesses tell RadarOnline that Sanders, 41, and Stewart, 22, "were hardly able to keep their hands off one another," as they drove around L.A., stopping occasionally to make out in parking lots.

**Kristen, what do you have to say for yourself?**
"I'm deeply sorry for the hurt and embarrassment I've caused to those close to me and everyone this has affected," she said in a statement released yesterday.

"This momentary indiscretion has jeopardized the most important thing in my life, the person I love and respect the most, Rob. I love him, I love him, I'm so sorry."

Kris, take it from us: Making creepy, inappropriate public appeals to Robert Pattinson in the gossip columns doesn't work. We've been trying for years, and he doesn't bite.

Rupert Sanders

## Sanders' wife not warned

Not to be outdone, Rupert Sanders issued his own apology shortly after Stewart.

"I am utterly distraught about the pain I have caused my family," the director said in a statement. "My beautiful wife and heavenly children are all I have in this world. I love them with all my heart. I am praying that we can get through this together."

As for Sanders' wife, Liberty Ross, we doubt she's accepting the apology anytime soon. The British model seemed to learn about the affair along with everyone else yesterday, and proceeded to have a mini Twitter meltdown.

Before deactivating her account, she followed @Us Weekly and tweeted quotes from Marilyn Monroe and Maya Angelou, then signed off with a simple "Wow" — the 2012 equivalent of waking up to the Love Actually DVD menu in a puddle of Ben and Jerry's.

## 'I did not cuss Janet out'

The dispute between members of the Jackson family over the location of matriarch Katherine Jackson apparently came to a head this week with an altercation between family members on the grounds of their Calabasas, Calif., estate, according to TMZ.

Janet, Jermaine and Randy Jackson stormed the house to confront the children of the late Michael Jackson — Prince, Paris and Blanket, leading to cursing and blows. The adults then reportedly attempted to coerce the kids into going to Arizona — where their legal guardian, Katherine, is resting — against their will.

The ongoing troubles have prompted lawyers for Michael's estate to write an open letter expressing their concern.

"We are concerned that we do what we can to protect them from undue influences, bullying, greed and other unfortunate circumstances," executors John Branca and John McClain say in the letter.

Meanwhile, Paris Jackson took to Instagram to refute claims of a fight, posting, "Dear TMZ, no one slapped anyone, and I did not cuss Janet out."

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On the Web

Abby Larson, editor and founder of the stylish wedding website, on making your celebration Pinterest gold.

Retro-inspired looks were seen throughout the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim 2013 in Miami Beach, where more than two dozen designers showcased their latest collections. Swimstyle specialists took a nod from days gone by, from high waist briefs and the pinup girl look of the 1950s to the Studio 54 and Dolce Vita eras of the '60s and '70s. Dive right in!

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# Splash from the past

## WHITE SANDS AUSTRALIA

Romantic looks were seen on the runway at White Sands Australia. "It's very, very girly," said designer Leah Madden. "I always try to do things very pretty but sexy and with an edge. But this year it's more pretty and more feminine."

Madden kept it simple for The Violet Hour collection. She used touches of ruffles, neon pastel colours (green) and a vintage floral print with large violets over a white palette to create the blissful looks.

## DOLORES CORTES

Miami Beach was the inspiration for Spanish designer Dolores Cortes, who used vitamin colours and a touch of neon in her sophisticated collection.

Golden reflective laminates were superimposed on some pieces, while others had a mix of animal prints and bright stains to give the wild yet chic look. There were a ton of prints, some with a tie-dye effect. Bikinis included a multi-coloured bandeau top with an animal print bottom. Multiple patterns took over a one-piece and a monikini with bright pops of colour, and crochet and mesh also made appearances.

## LISA BLUE

Kicking off swim week was the Lisa Blue collection, where Australian designer Lisa Burke featured a collection of very different styles.

The Enchantress collection opened the show with a white monokini with gold trimmings. The blue colour of the ocean was also seen on the goddess-like models walking slowly — enchantedly — down the runway.

Karina Smirnoff of Dancing with the Stars picked up the pace as she danced in a bright pink, ruffled-top bikini and a Flamenco-style long skirt for the second Flamenco-inspired collection, which included a one-shoulder bikini top with ruffles on the bottom piece.

## NICOLITA

The Nicolita collection can be described as a collection of sexy swimwear with curve-flattering styles reminiscent of Cuba's alluring 1940s era — but with a California twist.

The Havana Nights Collection by designer Nicole Di Rocco drew inspiration from her Cuban roots and experiences in Malibu with the help of singer Christina Milian. The collection had plenty of coverups that can transition from day to night, including a short layered animal-print skirt and high waisted blue pants.

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The interiors at Sixth and Willow are well thought out as the exterior and are meant to provide a blank canvas that each resident can adapt to their needs. CONTRIBUTED

# Refreshing look

**Something a little different.** Sixth and Willow is not your typical concrete, glass, steel highrise

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

Vancouver may be a city of glass, but when it comes to condo developments, many people are looking for something a little different from your average highrise, said Richard Alvarez, sales manager at Sixth and Willow, a condo development in Vancouver.

The first thing visitors comment on when they visit the showroom for Sixth and Willow is the development's unconventional looks, he said.

The three-storey townhouse development was designed by Vancouver's award-winning Michael Green Architecture.

"A lot of people think it's refreshing for Vancouver, and they embrace that change, rather than living in a typical concrete, glass and steel highrise," Alvarez explained. "They like that it's architecturally different."

Thin, vertical strips of weathered steel screen the large windows and provide privacy, while also letting in a lot of natural light. You can see in or out when looking head-on, but oblique views are obscured. It's an optical illusion that provides an acoustic and visual buffer, Alvarez explained.

The bedrooms comprise the majority of the development's volume. Nineteen of the 25 homes offer three or four bedrooms.

"It's good for people who already live in the area but want an extra bedroom for growing their family," he said.

This space, coupled with the development's proximity to a wide range of grocery stores, restaurants, shops and transportation, has drawn a demographic of established professionals and their families.

Many buyers work near Broadway or downtown, which is about 10 minutes away via the nearby Olympic Village SkyTrain Station.

The townhome interiors are as well thought out as the exterior and are meant to provide a blank canvas that each resident can adapt to their needs.

Buyers can choose from two colour schemes, and the homes come with high-end appliances and finishings throughout, such as gas cooktops, stone tile and engineered hardwood floors with in-floor radiant heating.

A minimal, Japanese-inspired courtyard separates the two buildings, and homes from the north building open onto it. The south building residences have rooftop terraces.

Sixth and Willow's decidedly un-tower-like feel will help residents get to know their neighbours, but still retain their privacy, Alvarez explained.

"You won't have to wait for elevators, that's for sure."

**Meet the development**

- **Developer:** Kenstone Properties
- **Size:** 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms; 1,088 to 1,741 square feet
- **Units:** 25
- **Price range:** $989,900 to $1,429,900
- **Status:** Under construction. Sales began in June. Twenty-two homes left. Move-in ready in late 2013.
- **Website:** sixthandwillow.com.

The exterior of Sixth and Willow. CONTRIBUTED

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# Looking at the loft life in Gastown

**ON THE MARKET**

Michael Jameson is a recently single 31-year-old man seeking a new home to call his own. He has a great job in IT, which he loves, and his office is right in the heart of Gastown, one of Vancouver's newest real estate hot spots.

Wanting to be close to work so he can rid himself of his car, Jameson is looking for a loft conversion with at least 600 square feet of living space. He does not require a balcony since there are so many cafés and restaurants in the area to hang out in, but would love to have large windows that make the space feel bright and airy. While he may not mind doing some cosmetic updating, major renovations are not appealing at all.

Jameson has $650,000 to spend, but would like to save as much as possible and would love to keep the purchase price closer to $600,000.

Here are three properties Jameson should consider.

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**204-27 Alexander St. — Vancouver**
**$399,900**
Well within both Jameson's budget and desired neighbourhood, this heritage loft conversion in the Alexis is a perfect fit. At 662 square feet, there is plenty of space to spread out. Should he choose to entertain, the development has a large rooftop terrace with stunning views of the North Shore mountains and ocean. Stainless steel appliances, floor-to-ceiling windows and laminate flooring mean that this home is ready to move into with no renovation work required. In the winter, the natural gas fireplace will heat the home. Listing agent Kathy Stilwell of Sutton Group West Coast Broadway also mentions that this home is in the centre of one of the most culturally rich and trendsetting areas of Vancouver.

**505-28 Powell St. – Vancouver**
**$539,000**
At 955 square feet, this unit in the Powell Lane complex exceeds the amount of square footage Jameson imagined he could afford. Adding to the trendy loft vibe, this home has polished concrete floors, large bright windows, a gas fireplace and overheight ceilings. A nice balcony is an added bonus feature not often available in lofts. Being on a corner means the unit will have a great cross breeze on hot summer days and keep the unit full of natural light in the often cloudy winter. Listing agent Su-Marie Baird of Dexter Associates Realty points out that this home comes with a parking stall and storage locker, which is also extremely rare for Gastown.

**3A-34 Powell St. – Vancouver**
**$629,900**
Listing agent Gary Serra of Re/Max Crest Westside says this home is reminiscent of a true New York City loft. Spreading across 1,342 square feet, this unit may be the most expensive, but it is also the largest. Twenty-five-foot long exposed wood beams, brick walls and heated concrete floors are the perfect mix of industrial and residential, which fits in nicely with Jameson's aesthetic taste. The large windows ensure the unit remains bright and airy while the gas fireplace maintains a warm, cosy feel for the chilly winter evenings. The common rooftop deck is great for entertaining and being right in the centre of Gastown ensures a quick stroll to work and plenty of places to enjoy a bite to eat or a drink.

# Mosaic in Kits. This area was made for walking

A home in Kitsilano pretty much sells itself. The area has a lot going for it — its beaches with the spectacular view of the North Shore, for one.

But the best part of living in Kitsilano can be summed up in one simple word, said Geoff Duyker, of Mosaic Homes: Walkability.

The Kitsilano walking lifestyle is a big part of what is attracting buyers to Mosaic's four-storey condo development Bayswater, located on Bayswater Street at Broadway in Kitsilano.

"Bayswater starts with the location," said Duyker. "It's really a short walk right down to the water. You walk out the front door and you're at the heart of Kitsilano in Broadway West Village."

The Kitsilano walking lifestyle attracts and keeps lifetime residents, creating die-hard Kitsilano dwellers from even the most devoted downtowners. The area is known for its high concentration of some of the best restaurants and shops and in the city.

"Being able to do all that without a car is phenomenal," Duyker said, speaking from his own experience living in the area.

The building was designed with New York SoHo architecture in mind — a simple exterior with white bricks and large windows, and a loft-like interior. The top three floors will house condos, and the ground floor will host boutiques, making Bayswater a fitting addition to the eclectic shopping nearby.

Thanks to Mosaic's high standard of interior finishing, Bayswater's interiors live up to their surroundings. They are designed with a downtown feel: Composite stone countertops, minimalist stainless steel bath fixtures by Kohler, engineered hardwood flooring, and Blomberg appliances.

Many Bayswater condos have patios, perfect for barbecuing before a stroll down to the beach. The area is dotted with casual local pubs that come alive at night with locals, beach-goers and students from nearby UBC.

An eclectic crowd for an eclectic neighbourhood.

**STEPHANIE ORFORD**

A look at the exterior of Mosaic. CONTRIBUTED

**Meet the development**

- **Developer:** Mosaic
- **Location:** 2488 Bayswater St.
- **Sizes:** One and two bedrooms; 580 to 990 square feet
- **Prices:** From $399,900
- **Status:** 31 units, 70 per cent sold
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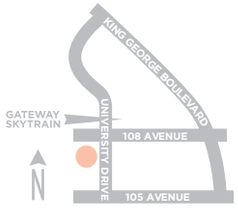


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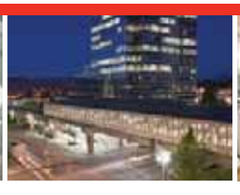

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# PERFECT FOR THE MODERN FAMILY

## BRICKSTONE WALK 2 STRIKES BALANCE BETWEEN LUXURY AND AFFORDABILITY

It's funny how some things change. While home ownership is still a goal that most young people aspire to, what defines a "home" has certainly changed in the past few decades — especially in Metro Vancouver. The white picket fence has been replaced with the huge HD plasma TV in the party room and the 2.5 kids … well, they are on the way, but not just yet. The "new cool" is not to be house rich and cash poor but instead live in perfectly designed, highly efficient and beautiful spaces with money left over to enjoy life.

Condo's are everywhere. Affordable, efficient and ranging from the "thank God I finally have my own place" to luxurious condo penthouses that dot the skylines of Vancouver. We love condo's, too, and yet, we are always pleased when we get a chance to talk about an urban townhome and what that means to a discerning buyer who is looking for something a little extra special. In case you didn't know, these new townhomes are right next door to BrickStone Walk I — the collection of almost identical homes that sold out in a flash just last year. In fact, they were so popular that the developer bought the land next door, made a few adjustments and improvements and came up with BrickStone Walk 2.

BrickStone Walk 2 is a stunning, boutique community of urban townhomes in New Westminster. Close to everything and easily compared to nothing!

Starting from an incredible $189,900, a home at BrickStone Walk 2 strikes the balance between urban and suburban living. All the action of city life at a price that makes sense. Many buyers said that as soon as they heard about BrickStone, they quit renting and wanted to become homeowners. Others said it is the perfect move-up step from a condo, and still others love the freedom of luxury living without all the yard work and upkeep of a traditional home. Whatever your reason, BrickStone Walk 2 seems to be the natural choice.

Spacious, bright and roomy, these townhomes are finished with the quality and materials that make homeowners proud to have company. Guests coming for dinner, maybe staying overnight? No problem — lots of room. Summer barbecue? Easy — most homes have two decks for maximum outdoor living. Quartz counters, stainless steel appliances and all the other extras? Of course. BrickStone Walk 2 is designed with luxury in mind and priced low enough to make you blush.

And what about the brick? The whole front of the building is brick — when do you ever see that? New Westminster is all about heritage and these homes are designed to fit right in. Drive around the other new developments in New West and you will be hard-pressed to see any project better suited to the neighbourhood. And don't forget the courtyard. It is European inspired and designed to bring people together and to offer enough privacy for an intimate dinner party with family or friends.

New Westminster is an emerging powerhouse when it comes to real estate. Overlooked for many years and in the shadow of Burnaby, Coquitlam and Richmond, prices are unusually sharp and values are still extreme — for now. With five SkyTrain stations, an incredible array of parks and leisure activities and an unrivalled history, New Westminster is a like a badly kept secret that everyone is starting to hear about.

At BrickStone, you can walk to the new Theatre District, walk to the SkyTrain, to pubs, restaurants and live shows. Rivershore parks, off-leash pet areas and the New Westminster Quay Market are all part of your backyard. Your neighbours are just like how you remember your neighbours as a kid — proud of their homes (just like you) and wish to keep their community pristine and perfect.

If you have not yet checked out BrickStone Walk 2, be sure to visit the sales centre at 306 6th St. in New Westminster. Visit the website at BrickStoneWalk.com or call 604-376-8060.

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

What is a townhome and how is it different from a condo? Typically, an apartment (they are called that when they are rented) and a condo are the same thing. They have a common front entrance and shared hallway with each home having access from the hallway only.

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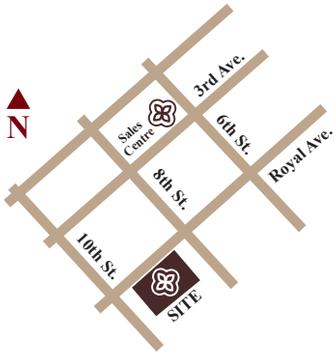


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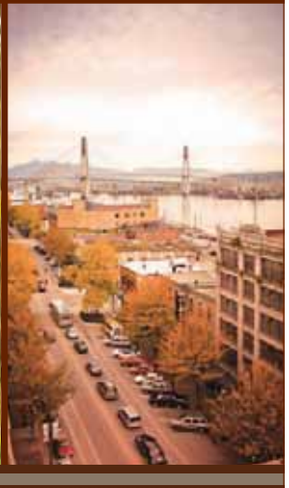


# Keep cool while looking cool

**DIY ideas.** Cooling units are summer lifesavers, but they're also an eyesore. Make your own cover using these tips

The summer heat has likely got your air conditioning unit operating at full tilt. Although you may be enjoying the cooling effect it's bringing to the inside of your home, you may not appreciate the eyesore it's created on the outside.

Jason Cameron transforms troubled yards on DIY Network's Desperate Landscapes. Read on to learn Jason's approach to concealing an outdoor air conditioning unit and never worry what your neighbours are thinking about your yard again.

**Gather materials**

A decorative lattice screen provides the ultimate disguise for outdoor air conditioning units.

To get started, gather the necessary materials, such as cedar planks (recommended for their weather resistance), four pressure-treated 4-x-4 posts, wood stakes, braces, landscaping fabric, granite, architectural-grade lattice, cement, a saw, hand tamper, staple gun, shovel and screws.

**Set the base**

Ensure the area being screened is level. Hammer in stakes to mark the perimeter and place the cedar planks against the stakes to mark a simple frame.

Remember to factor in sufficient clearance to allow for proper airflow and servicing; a good rule of thumb is to clear an area double the size of the air conditioner you wish to hide.

Secure landscaping fabric inside the frame to prevent weeds from growing. Pour granite overtop until it is about two inches thick and rake until level. Wet the surface to set the granite and then pack it down with a hand tamper.

**Build the frame**

Cut the corner posts to the desired height with a sharp handsaw. Dig holes for the posts, about two feet deep, to allow enough room for the concrete. Set the posts in the holes and secure temporarily with braces.

Once the posts are level, pour cement into the holes. Let the concrete set overnight before removing the braces. Measure between each set of posts and cut the cedar planks to fit between them to form a bottom rail. Slide the rails into place and screw them to the posts. Cap the top of the posts with a top rail; cut each end of the top rail at a 45-degree angle and secure with screws.

**Install the lattice**

Cut the lattice with a circular saw so it fits between the posts and top and bottom rails. Use a staple gun to attach the lattice to hold it in place. Planting shrubs around the screen will help to further soften the look.

DESPERATE LANDSCAPES AIRS WEEKNIGHTS AT 7:30 P.M. ET/4:30 P.M. PT ON DIY NETWORK CANADA

Outdoor air conditioning units aren't the most attractive, so why not cover them with a decorative lattice? ISTOCK

# A prescription for chocoholics

Cookbook authors Julie Albert and Lisa Gnat spend a lot of time in the kitchen creating and testing recipes, but they also like to be pampered by their families.

These Rx Brownies With Fudge Frosting are great for when you want to sit back and get the little ones involved.

The decadent brownies, found in Bite Me, are a prescription for any chocoholic, say Albert and Gnat. They would make an ideal treat to cap a brunch or any time you need a chocolate fix.

**1.** Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Coat a 33-by-23-cm (13-by-9-inch) baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. Line with parchment paper.

**2.** For the brownies, in a microwave safe bowl, combine chocolate and butter. Melt on high heat for 1 minute, stir and melt for 30 seconds more or until chocolate and butter are melted and smooth.

**3.** In a large bowl, whisk sugar and eggs. Add chocolate mixture and flour, stirring until flour has disappeared. Spread in prepared pan and bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool in pan for 15 minutes before removing. Cool completely on wire rack before frosting.

**4.** Frosting: In a large saucepan, mix together sugar, cocoa powder, milk, butter and corn syrup. Heat to boiling, stirring frequently. Boil for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Let cool for 10 minutes. Whisk in icing sugar until smooth.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/BITE ME TOO BY JULIE ALBERT AND LISA GNAT

**Ingredients**

- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) butter
- 500 ml (2 cups) sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) flour

**Fudge Frosting**

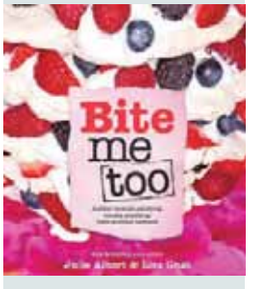
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cocoa powder, sifted
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) milk
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) corn syrup
- 250 ml (1 cup) icing sugar

**Rx Brownies With Fudge Frosting**

This recipe is ideal for a post-brunch dessert. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

**Book of the week**

## Take a bite out of easy & fun food




Having fun with food, family and friends is the focus of the cookbook Bite Me Too by sisters Julie Albert and Lisa Gnat.

The release is peppered with humour, trivia, pop culture references and user-friendly recipes that feature ingredients you have in your pantry or that can be picked up during your regular grocery store run.

Chapter headings in Bite Me Too include Amuse Me (appetizers), Fowl Me (poultry), Hook Me (fish and seafood) and Toss Me (salads). There are 176 recipes in total. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

## Bettman lays out league's proposal

Donald Fehr and the NHL players have a little more to mull over.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said the league tabled the remaining elements of its opening contract offer to the NHL Players' Association on Wednesday. It was an expansion on the opening proposal the league delivered July 13, which included a decreased share of hockey-related revenue, term limits on contracts and a 22 per cent salary rollback. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gary Bettman GETTY IMAGES FILE

MLB

## Arencibia breaks hand, expected to miss six weeks

Toronto Blue Jays catcher JP Arencibia is expected to miss about six weeks after fracturing his right hand in the second inning of Wednesday's game against the Oakland A's.

Arencibia appeared to injure the hand on a foul ball by Brandon Inge during Oakland's eight-run inning.

The 26-year-old finished the inning behind the plate but Jeff Mathis batted for him in the bottom of the second.

Arencibia is batting .242 with 16 homers and 50 RBIs so far this season.

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Ernie Els speaks at a press conference next to the Claret Jug trophy Wednesday at the Hamilton Golf and County Club in Ancaster, Ont. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Els hopes to add to his trophy haul

**Golf.** British Open winner has had little time to practise ahead of Canadian Open

Ernie Els arrived at the RBC Canadian Open with one trophy already in tow. He's hoping to leave with another.

Despite a whirlwind couple days that followed his victory at the British Open, Els expressed confidence that he's still got enough left in the tank to be competitive at the third-oldest championship in golf.

"I feel very fresh," he said Wednesday afternoon.

Els only managed to get in five practice holes at Hamilton Golf and Country Club this week, but thinks his stellar play from Royal Lytham and St. Annes should carry over.

The celebration following his fourth major championship was more low key than the ones that came before it. After pulling out a one-shot victory over Adam Scott on Sunday, he returned home to London for a small party with family and friends, then had a lazy Monday.

He travelled to Hamilton, Ont., on Tuesday morning, getting in a quick practice session before a helicopter arrived to whisk him to downtown Toronto for a "Right to Play" dinner. On Wednesday, Els played a round with RBC CEO Gord Nixon at his home course.

The itinerary left virtually no time for preparation at the charming, tree-lined Hamilton layout that is hosting the Canadian Open for a fifth time.

"I don't know if it's such a big disadvantage because a lot of times when you don't play a course, you don't know where the trouble is," Els said with a chuckle. "So maybe that's a good thing. You get your yardage, you hit it to your spots."

As an added bonus, the South African brought the Claret Jug along for the ride and proudly displayed it during his interview session with reporters Wednesday. His presence added some buzz to an event that remains in a tough spot on the PGA Tour's calendar. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Taking part**

- Besides Els, the biggest names in the field are Matt Kuchar, Hunter Mahan and Jim Furyk — and it's no coincidence that all four have sponsorship agreements with RBC.
- But Furyk said he was also drawn back by the traditional H.S. Colt-designed course where he won the first of his two Canadian Open titles in 2006.

# MLS all-stars top Chelsea with late goal

Chris Pontius, left, of the MLS all-stars looks to cross the ball against Mikel John Obi of Chelsea on Wednesday in Chester, Pa. DREW HALLOWELL/GETTY IMAGES

Fans stuffed the parking lots hours before the all-star game, tailgating and having a blast until they could rush inside PPL Park to bang drums, sing songs, and, for the first time in four years, cheer the MLS stars in a win in one of the league's showcase games.

Eddie Johnson made them wait until the very end to really go wild.

Johnson scored in the 91st minute to give the Major League Soccer all-stars a 3-2 victory over Chelsea on Wednesday night. in Chester, Pa.

Just when the game appeared on the brink of being decided by penalty kicks, Johnson, of the Seattle Sounders, broke free for the winner from the top of the box and sparked the MLS all-stars to a win over an international team for the first time since 2008.

"That's what coach brought me here for," Johnson said. "I was just trying to pay it back."

Chris Wondolowski and Chris Pontius also scored for the MLS all-stars at the home of the Philadelphia Union.

Frank Lampard and John Terry scored for Chelsea, the touring English Premier League team.

Los Angeles Galaxy star David Beckham received the loudest pregame ovation only hours after arriving from London. Beckham was set to head back to London immediately after the game because he has a role in the opening ceremony at the Olympics.

Beckham, Thierry Henry and Landon Donovan led a star-packed MLS squad in a competitive game against a Chelsea team warming up for its season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**All-star game result**

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4 SPORTS

**Mobile sports**

A day after matching the Philadelphia Flyers' $110-million US offer sheet for Shea Weber, the Nashville Predators were in celebration mode. But "the biggest signing in franchise history" for Nashville has forced the Flyers back to the drawing board. Scan the code for the story.

# Canada can't keep up with world champs in opener

Canada's Carmelina Moscato heads the ball against Japan's Yuki Ogimi on Wednesday in Coventry. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Soccer. Coach Herdman calls loss to Japan a learning experience

Canada's women's soccer team opened its London Olympic campaign with a 2-1 loss to Japan on Wednesday, a result that left coach John Herdman "scratching one side" of his head and "feeling OK on the other."

Melissa Tancredi scored the lone goal for the No. 7 Canadians, who managed to battle back against the reigning World Cup champion. Japan took a 2-0 lead into halftime and had the Canadians on their heels most of the night.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game tonight; they're world champions and world champions for a reason," Herdman said afterward.

"But it's the first game in the tournament, there's another five to go for us hopefully, and I think we've learned some lessons tonight."

The game marked Canada's first competition of the Games, two days before the opening ceremony in London.

The Canadians need to finish top-two in their pool — or be one of the two best third-place teams — to advance to the quarter-finals of the 12-team tournament.

The Japanese squad that shocked the United States to win the World Cup last summer lived up to its billing, passing and moving with speed and precision.

"They're quick, they're crafty, they get in those tight little spaces that you don't think they can get into," said defender Lauren Sesselmann. "They're an incredible team."

Nahomi Kawasumi and team captain Aya Miyama scored for Japan.

Kawasumi sprinted onto a clever back-heel pass from Shinobu Ohno in the 33rd minute. Miyama scored on a header from a cross in the 44th minute to beat Canadian goalkeeper Erin McLeod.

Tancredi capitalized on the one really decent shot Canada had, connecting on a cross from Rhian Wilkinson in the 55th minute.

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# Flag-raising. Canada welcomed to Olympics

A medieval pageant with a 20th-century Queen soundtrack marked Canada's flag-raising and official welcome to the Olympic athletes' village in London.

With just over 200 nations competing in the 2012 Summer Games, countries had to be welcomed in batches. The Maple Leaf's introduction to the central plaza Wednesday evening was accompanied by flags raised from Portugal, Morocco, Monaco and Serbia.

Britain's National Youth Theatre set the scene of a quirky court. Dressed in colourful jester garb, they cartwheeled and rode bikes down the plaza. They were followed by athletes and officials from all five countries.

Mark Tewksbury, the Canadian chef de mission for London, is seen during the official flag-raising ceremony on Wednesday. COC/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"This is my first Olympics, so I didn't know what to expect, but it was full of energy," said Vancouver swimmer Blake Worsley.

A representative from each country was summoned to the stage to meet the village deputy mayor, British Olympic swimmer Duncan Goodhew, before the country's anthem played.

Canadian chef de mission Mark Tewksbury introduced himself to Goodhew as a fellow swimmer. They are of different Olympic eras. Goodhew won his gold in 1980, while Tewksbury's came in 1992.

The half-hour flag-raising ceremony, attended by Canada's Gov. Gen. David Johnston, provided pomp and ceremony for the Canadian athletes who won't participate in the opening ceremony Friday at Olympic Stadium.

The athletes' village at Olympic Park in London's East End is massive and will house 16,000 residents at its peak. Canada's quarters sit on the east end of the park.

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
You can be pretty stubborn when the mood takes you and it is likely to take you today. You may discover though that you are not the only one who knows how to dig in their heels.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
No amount of compromise will work today, so be ready to fight for what you believe in. When it comes to willpower, you have more than most but a rival may not be as weak as they look.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Different people see things in different ways and if you can accept that, you won't have too many problems today. But if you insist the world agrees with you then you could find yourself in a lonely place.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
Make sure you keep a sense of perspective over the next 24 hours, especially where money is concerned. What you own and earn is important, of course, but cash can't buy you the kind of love that you crave.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
You can't help but be assertive and ambitious but don't go to extremes and start making the kind of demands of other people that you would never accept for yourself. You need more friends, not more enemies.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
You seem to be asking yourself a lot of serious questions of late, but are you getting any intelligent answers? If not, maybe you should loosen up a bit and not take life so seriously – then the answers will come.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
If you go back on a promise today, you will regret it later. You must live up to your obligations, at home and at work because if you don't, you will let everyone down — including yourself.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
What happens today may shock you but you should have seen it coming. Also, it's unlikely to be as bad as you think, so don't overreact. What changes cannot be unchanged, no matter how forceful you may be.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
After being kept out of the loop for so long, you will discover what has been going on. It's unlikely to be as bad as you feared. It may even be good if you choose to take a long-term outlook.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Mind planet Mercury united with Pluto today suggests you need to take a more positive view of what's going on in the world. It's not all doom and gloom you know, in fact there are marvels in every direction.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Conflict of one kind or another is inevitable today and although that may not sound like very good news it has to happen. Only when the air is cleared can you all start to breathe more easily.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
The pressure has been cranking up for quite some time and over the next few days it may even become intolerable. But you are tougher than you look and will rise to the challenge. Give it your all. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Prime Ministers

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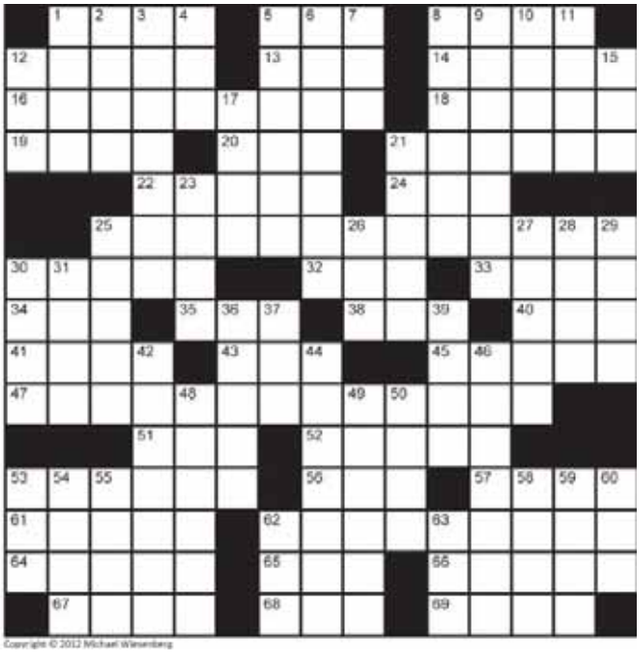

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**Across**
1. Prime Minister Chrétien
5. Where to find *The Sopranos*
8. Most common first name among Canadian PMs
12. Desperado chasers
13. Tax return rvw.
14. *Das Boot* setting
16. See 62-Across
18. Atoll explosion
19. Old dagger
20. It flows from Alberta
21. Mountainous regions of planets
22. Like some flowers
24. ___ de Cologne
25. Prime Minister April 20, 1968-June 4, 1979 and March 3, 1980-June 30, 1984
30. Surrounded by
32. Legal matter
33. Montréal, Québec, Maritimes locale
34. ___ Vegas
35. California Bay Area's largest airport, for short
38. Some in Québec
40. Letters ending an email or texted request
41. IMO cousin
43. Her: Ger.
45. Swimming (in)
47. First Prime Minister born after Confederation and only one to represent a Manitoba riding
51. Switch positions
52. Immune system component
53. Third Prime Minister, June 16, 1891-November 24, 1892
56. "Am __ trouble!"
57. Cowardly Lion player
61. "Mea ___": "my fault"
62. With 16-Across, second Prime Minister, November 7, 1873-October 8, 1878
64. First Radiohead single
65. Choice word
66. Prime Minister St. Laurent
67. Ill-mannered
68. 33-Acr. summer
69. Stuns

**Down**
1. ___ of Arc
2. Action-denoting suffix
3. Showed hospitality at the door
4. Born
5. Less clear
6. Manufacturer
7. "___ to Joy"
8. Alaska capital
9. Force (upon)
10. Certain gardener
11. US space gp.
12. In short, they served Canada
15. Sporty Audis
17. Film genre
21. To the point
23. Brief bylaws
25. Affirm
26. United spinoff
27. "___ apple every day to keep the doctor away"
28. Garage sale stipulation
29. Zion's locale
30. James Bond's *Octopussy* car, informally
31. Bryn ___ College: women's liberal arts college near Philadelphia
36. Premier
37. Electrical-impedance unit whose symbol is an omega
39. Satirist Mort
42. Cried "Yee-haw!"
44. Changed the bathroom decor
46. "What have we here?"
48. Open a package, maybe
49. Most freezing
50. '70s babies are part of this
53. USC : Pac 10 :: UNC : ___
54. New Westminster, BC-born Mason portrayer
55. Blue in Québec
58. ___ chori: for two voices, musically
59. "We have met the enemy and ___ us": Pogo quote
60. Monopoly utils.
62. Yes
63. In the manner of

## Yesterday's crossword

## What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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## Yesterday's Sudoku

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